

Docket No. 250373US3

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Haruo AKIBA

SERIAL NO: 10/800,863

FILED: March 16, 2004

FOR: BRANCHING PASSAGE ASSEMBLY FOR ENDOSCOPIC BIOPSY CHANNEL



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

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| TOTAL            | 20                  | MINUS  | 20                                      | 0                               | x \$50 =  | \$0.00       |
| INDEPENDENT      | 2                   | MINUS  | 3                                       | 0                               | x \$200 = | \$0.00       |
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.